

## House Resolution 316

By: Representatives Smyre of the 135<sup>th</sup>, Smith of the 134<sup>th</sup>, Hugley of the 136<sup>th</sup>, Buckner of the 137<sup>th</sup>, and Smith of the 133<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 5, 2019, as Columbus Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Columbus was the first Consolidated Government in Georgia, and the  
3 Columbus region of Georgia is known for its fantastic visitor attractions, white water rafting,  
4 expansive defense entities, economic growth and development, servant leadership, education  
5 excellence, and beautiful natural landscapes; and

6 WHEREAS, the region is known for its public and private partnerships that have generated  
7 success for the area with projects such as the RiverCenter for the Performing Arts, an  
8 exciting downtown campus for Columbus State University, white water rafting, and the  
9 Valley Partnership Joint Development Authority; and

10 WHEREAS, the Greater Columbus Georgia Chamber of Commerce is the first chamber in  
11 Georgia to receive a 5-Star rating, an elite designation earned by only the top five percent of  
12 all chambers of commerce in the United States; and

13 WHEREAS, Columbus is home to numerous defense, national, and international institutions,  
14 including Aflac, Fort Benning and the Maneuver Center of Excellence, W.C. Bradley  
15 Company, Pratt and Whitney, Synovus, and TSYS; and

16 WHEREAS, Columbus features exciting attractions, such as the 15 mile RiverWalk, the  
17 RiverCenter for the Performing Arts, the Columbus Convention and Trade Center, the  
18 Columbus Civic Center and Skating Rink, the South Commons softball complex, a  
19 skateboard park, the Columbus Museum, the Springer Opera House, and the Liberty Theater;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, these many accomplishments would not be possible without the efforts of  
22 Mayor Skip Henderson, City Manager Isaiah Hugley, Chamber President and CEO Brian D.  
23 Anderson, Fort Benning Commanding General Gary M. Brito, Chamber Board Chairman and

24 Georgia Power Regional Vice President Jason Cuevas, and Columbus State University  
25 President Chris Markwood; and

26 WHEREAS, the citizens of the Greater Columbus Region are justly proud of their  
27 community and region, their past, their exciting future, and their many contributions to this  
28 state, and thus it is only proper to recognize March 5, 2019, as Columbus Day at the state  
29 capitol.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
31 the members of this body recognize March 5, 2019, as Columbus Day at the state capitol.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
33 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
34 public and the press.